

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☐ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☐ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): GROWMARK, Inc.; Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board

Travel date(s): August 8-10, 2017

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	Bus: \$178.57 Airfare: \$367.18	\$248.58	\$66.63	\$200 Gateway safety/EMS

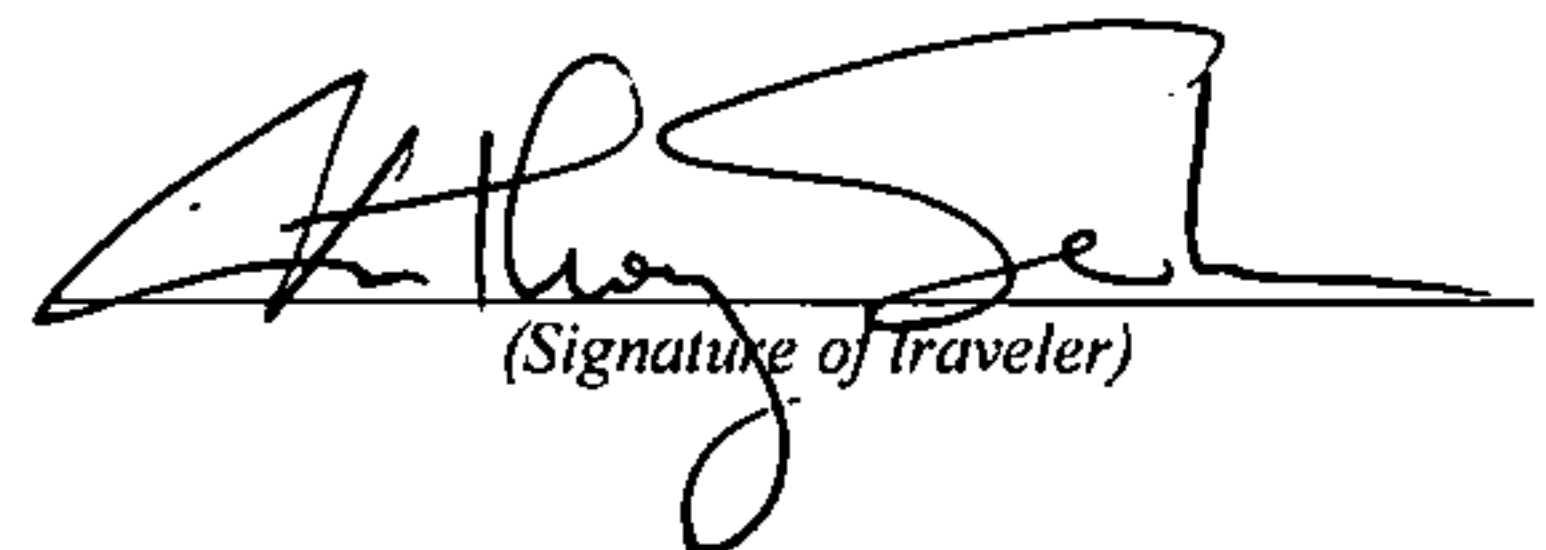
Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Educational meetings and tours regarding agricultura topics. Topics covered include trade, seed technology, infrastructure, renewable fuels, livestock production, farm bill, and value-added agriculture.

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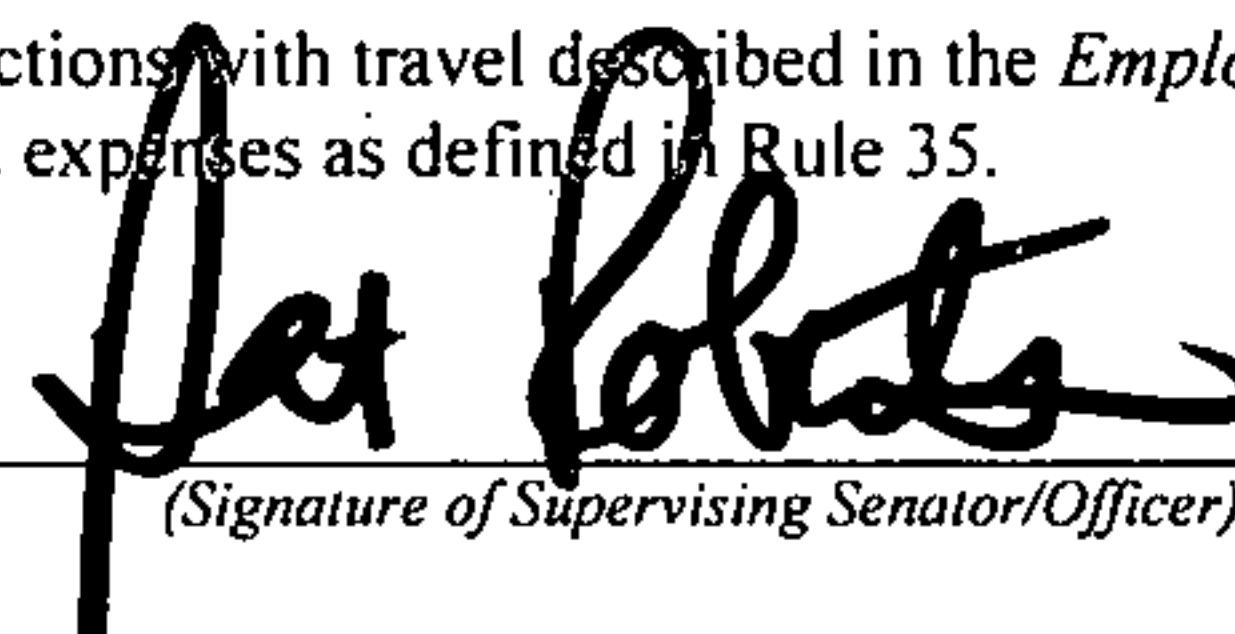
Anthony Seiler
(Printed name of traveler)


(Signature of Traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

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(Date)


(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

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Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved. This form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Anthony Seiler

Employing Office/Committee: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry Committee

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): GROWMARK, Inc., Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board

Travel date(s): August 8-10, 2017

Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.

Destination(s): St. Louis and Southern Illinois area

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

The trip offers an opportunity to see ag business and farms that are directly effected by policy worked on in the Ag Committee and the Farm Bill. As a Legislative Assistant for Chairman Roberts I will have the opportunity to learn firsthand about issues in my portfolio including seed technology, livestock production, infrastructure, trade and renewable fuels.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

7/6/17
(Date)

Anthony Seiler
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Pat Roberts hereby authorize Anthony Seiler
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

7/6/17
(Date)

Pat Roberts
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): GROWMARK, Inc., Illinois Corn Marketing Board (ICMB), Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board (ISA Checkoff Board) - all pay equally
2. Description of the trip: Experience Illinois agriculture production systems. Staff will get shared experience from farmers on crop/livestock production, seed technology, and renewable fuels.
3. Dates of travel: August 8-10, 2017
4. Place of travel: Southern Illinois - St. Louis area
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See attached
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
 - OR -
 - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- AND -
 - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - AND -
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

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9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☒ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

Each sponsor shares in the planning, logistics, and educational experiences for the trip. GROWMARK is responsible for each day's logistics and communication. ICMB and ISA Checkoff Board coordinate agenda topics and programming explaining agricultural production.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

GROWMARK is an agricultural supply cooperative owned by farmers. The ICMB and ISA Checkoff Board conduct educational and promotional programs on corn and soybean production guided by farmers. Growing (management of inputs), transportation, and processing/use of crops will be covered.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

This trip, with a similar agenda, has been sponsored by GROWMARK, ICMB, and ISA Checkoff Board from 2012-2016. We continue to have the same agenda outline, timeline, and goal of education. Previous year's participants have received required approval from the Ethics Committee.

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15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

GROWMARK - Cooperative operations, fertilizer and crop protection products application and utilization

ICMB - Corn production, utilization, and transportation channels to market

ISA Checkoff Board - Soybean production, utilization, and transportation channels to market

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	All coach and commercial \$399 roundtrip airfare	\$124 per night	\$35 per day	Gateway ridealong: \$200 Stumpy's tour: \$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$167 bus			

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation. It includes education sessions, on farm lunches and dinners hosted by the farm family.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Southern Illinois is key to the agriculture industry in the state. It is home to food processors, agribusiness, and critical waterways providing participants a variety of first hand experiences with agriculture.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Drury Inn, Fairview Heights, IL

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Central location for each day's travel to educational sessions.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Our hotel and meal expense are under the per diem.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Coach airfare and bus transportation

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

N/A

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:



Name and Title: Chuck Spencer, Executive Director, Government Relations

Name of Organization: GROWMARK, INC.

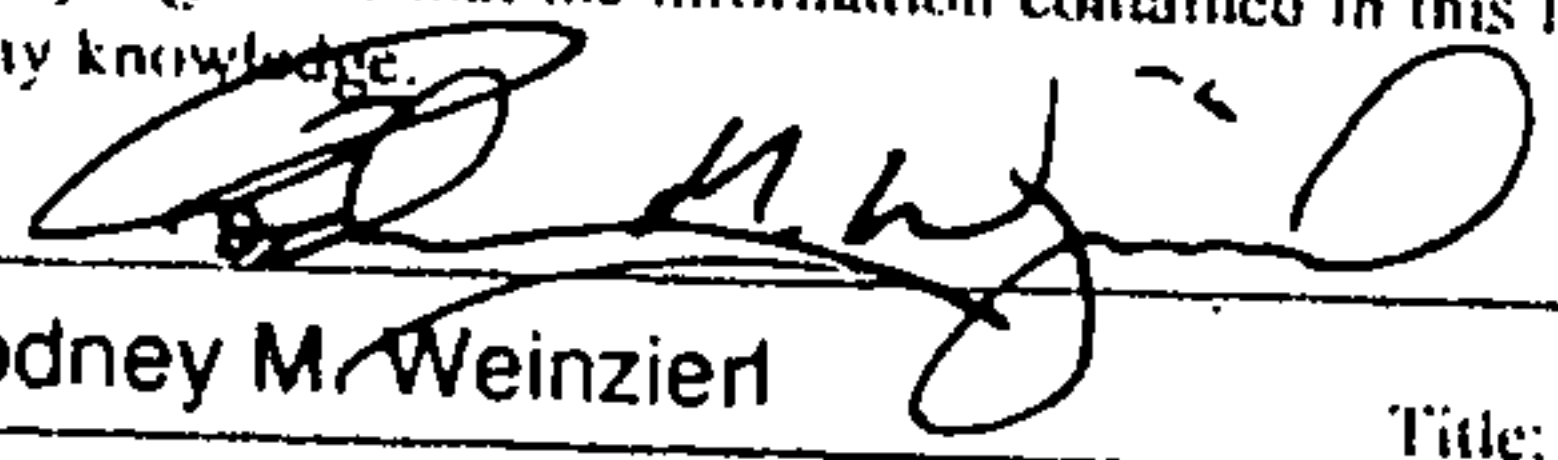
Address: 1701 Towanda Ave. Bloomington, IL 61702

Telephone Number: (309) 557-6343

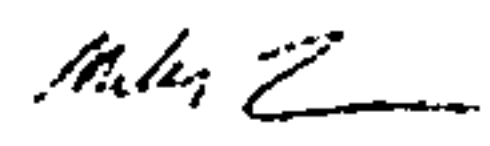
Fax Number: (309) 557-6945

E-mail Address: cspencer@growmark.com

I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 
Name: Rodney M. Weinzierl Title: Executive Director
Organization: Illinois Corn Marketing Board
Address: 14129 Carole Drive, Bloomington, IL 61702
Telephone number: (309) 827-0912
Email Address: weinzier@ilcorn.org

I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 
Name: Mike Levin Title: Director of Issues Management/Analysis
Organization: Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board
Address: 1605 Commerce Parkway, Bloomington, IL 61704
Telephone number: (309) 663-7692
Email Address: levinm@ilsoy.org

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Question Number 5 – Name and Title of Invitees

2017 Trip to Illinois

Sean Babington, Senior Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

Janae Brady, Senior Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

Grant Colvin, Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

Darin Guries, Senior Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

Virginia Hayes, Agriculture Issues Staff, Senator Tammy Duckworth

Chelsie Keys, Senior Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

Kevin Lefeber, Agriculture Issues Staff, Senator Richard Durbin

Ashley McKeon, Senior Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

Katie Naessens, Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

Mike Schmidt, Senior Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

Anthony Seiler, Legislative Assistant, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

Wayne Stoskopf, Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

Katherine Thomas, Legislative Assistant, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

Andrew Vlasaty, Senior Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

Please note: All participants have been invited to this agriculture education program because they have direct involvement in the issues covered on the agenda with their job responsibilities.

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Illinois Congressional Staff Tour Schedule

Tuesday, Aug. 8

Time	Location	Activity/Topic	District
10:09 AM	St. Louis Airport – 10701 Lambert International Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63145	Flight Lands	
10:30 AM	Depart Airport		
11:00 AM	United Soybean Board – 16305 Swingley Ridge Rd. Chesterfield, MO 63017	Working lunch to discuss agricultural trade and soybean production.	Ann Wagner (MO-2 nd)
12:35 PM	Depart USB		
12:45 PM	Monsanto – 700 Chesterfield Pkwy N; Chesterfield, MO 63017	Tour of research facility to learn about seed technology and how traits are developed.	Ann Wagner (MO-2 nd)
3:30 PM	Depart Monsanto		
4:15 PM	Bunge – 651 N Front St, Fairmont City, IL 62201	See how grain makes it from farm to new markets and discuss Infrastructure.	Mike Bost (IL-12 th)
5:15 PM	Depart Bunge		
6:30 PM	Jack McCormick Farm – 5781 State Rt 3, Ellis Grove, IL 62241	Tour farm and learn about Jack's operation. Continue to discuss farm and nutrient management over dinner.	Mike Bost (IL-12 th)
8:00 PM	Depart farm for hotel: Drury Inn & Suites, 12 Ludwig Drive, Fairview Heights, IL 62208		

Wednesday, Aug. 9

Time	Location	Activity/Topic	District
7:45 AM	Depart Hotel		
8:00 AM	Gateway Motorsports Park – 700 Raceway Blvd, Madison, IL 62060	Discuss the importance of renewable fuels to value-added agriculture and demonstrate biofuel-powered vehicle capabilities.	Mike Bost (IL-12 th)
10:30 AM	Depart Gateway		
11:30 AM	Dennis Neuhaus Farm – 14038 Birch Rd, Hoyleton, IL 62803	Working lunch to discuss Dennis's farm operation and the challenges they face. Discuss value of cooperatives.	John Shimkus (IL-15 th)
1:00 PM	Depart Farm		
1:15 PM	The Maschhoffs – 7475 IL-127, Carlyle, IL 62231	Utilization of corn and soybeans as a feed for production of protein (pork).	John Shimkus (IL-15 th)
3:30 PM	Depart Maschhoffs		

4:30 PM	Stumpy's Spirits Distillery - 1727 Centerville Rd, Columbia, IL 62236	See local farmer's perspective on value-added agriculture and agritourism as part of rural development.	Mike Bost (IL-12 th)
6:00 PM	Depart Stumpy's		
6:30 PM	George Obemagel Farm - 107 Mar Ct. Valmeyer, IL 62295	Tour George's farm and learn about his crop production system. Discuss farm programs over dinner.	Mike Bost (IL-12 th)
8:00 PM	Depart farm for hotel		

Thursday, August 10

Time	Location	Activity/Topic	District
8:30 AM	Depart Hotel		
9:30 AM	Melvin Price Lock & Dam - Lock and Dam Way, Alton, IL 62002	Tour lock and dam to discuss critical importance of waterway infrastructure in order to transport agricultural commodities.	Mike Bost (IL-12 th)
11:30 AM	Depart Mel Price		
12:00 PM	National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center (NCERC) - 400 University Park Dr. Edwardsville, IL 62025	Tour research center and learn how corn becomes ethanol and understand applications for byproducts. Continued discussion of renewable fuels over lunch.	Rodney Davis (IL-13 th)
2:30 PM	Depart NCERC		
3:00 PM	Drop off at St. Louis Airport (Flight at 5:05 PM)		